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FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS
DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION,
PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Resumed tenth session
18-22 August 1997
Agenda item 6

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS RESUMED TENTH SESSION

Draft report

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I. INTRODUCTION

Opening and duration of the session

1. The resumed tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, was held in Geneva from 18 to 22 August 1997. The session was convened in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995 entitled "Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa". At its resumed tenth session, the Committee held ___ meetings (1st to __).

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Officers of the Committee

2. The Bureau of the Committee, as elected at its sixth, eighth, ninth and tenth sessions, is as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Bo Kjellén (Sweden)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Fassassi Adam Yacoubou (Benin)
Mr. Alok Jain (India)
Mr. José Urrutia (Peru)

Rapporteur: Mr. Anatoli M. Ovchinnikov (Uzbekistan)

Working Group I

Chairman: Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Mohammad Reza H. K. Jabbary (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Mr. Erwin Ortiz-Gandarillas (Bolivia)
Mr. Franklin C. Moore (United States of America)

Working Group II

Chairman: Mr. Takao Shibata (Japan)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. David Etuket (Uganda)
Mr. Samvel Baloyan (Armenia)

B. Adoption of the agenda

3. At its 1st meeting, on 18 August, the Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Preparation for the Conference of the Parties.
3. Special action:
   (a) urgent action for Africa;
   (b) action taken in the Asian, Latin American and the Caribbean, and Northern Mediterranean regions.
4. Status of signature and ratification of the Convention.
5. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds.
6. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its resumed tenth session.

C. Attendance

4. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

(To be included.)

5. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

(To be included.)

6. The following specialized agencies were represented:

(To be included.)

7. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

(To be included.)

8. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

(To be included.)

D. Documentation

9. The documents before the Committee at its resumed tenth session are listed in annex __ to the present report (to be included).

E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

10. At its 1st meeting, on 18 August, the Committee, bearing in mind paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 and rule 49 of the rules of procedure of the Committee (A/AC.241/3), decided to approve the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations listed in document A/AC.241/9/Add.14 (see annex__, decision 10/_ (to be included)).

F. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Committee

11. At its 1st meeting, on 18 August, the Committee, bearing in mind the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/188 on the participation of observers in the work of the Committee in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly, decided to accord observer status in its work to the intergovernmental organizations listed in document A/AC.241/L.5/Add.3-5 (see annex__, decision 10/_ (to be included)).

III. PREPARATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

(To be included.)

IV. SPECIAL ACTION

(To be included.)

V. STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION

(To be included.)

VI. REVIEW OF THE SITUATION AS REGARDS EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS

(To be included.)

VIII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS RESUMED TENTH SESSION

(To be included.)